

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DIS- CONTINUATION OF TRAIN SERVICES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to dis-continue the services of loss-making trains as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated February 28, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details of routes identified for such loss- making trains alongwith name of those trains;
- (c) the reasons for such losses;
- (d) whether the Government is also proposes to make evaluation in this regard;
- (e) if so, the time needed for such evaluation and their implementation; and
- (f) the details of train services dis-continued during 2004- 05 and the losses suffered by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (e): An analysis of passenger traffic on Indian Railways has shown that there are several routes or sections on which there is considerable demand whereas on the other hand there are several trains that suffer from lack of patronage due to inconvenient timings or running of many trains at close intervals. It is, therefore, proposed to review such trains with low patronage and deploy resources where there is greater need. This is a continuous and ongoing process.

(f) 9501/9502 Rajkot - Bhuj Anand Express and 2081/2082 Ahmedabad-Gandhidham Jan Shatabdi Express were withdrawn during 2004-05 due to poor patronization. Train-wise computation of losses is not maintained by the Railways.